



Program Overview

FourFront is a public-private partnership focused on accelerating the growth and resiliency of Colorado Advanced Industries through the following strategies:

- innovative approaches to research and development,
- workforce development and training,
- business growth and advancement services; and,
- market diversification.

This Project is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense (“DoD”) Office of Economic Adjustment and the Defense Industry Adjustment program. Consistent with this federal program, this contract is intended to assess the negative impact of reduced DoD spending in Colorado and develop data and strategies to assist such sector by accelerating the growth and development of all Colorado’s Advanced Industries. By focusing on building the resiliency of Colorado Advanced Industries’, we will be better able to train, diversify and connect impacted defense companies to opportunities in other sectors as well as technologies or processes to assist in new product development. Through mentorship and support, and creation of shared resources and equipment (such as a shared SCIF), we will also be able to assist defense companies bid and obtain new defense contracts in order to diversify their existing defense portfolio.

As such, the primary goal for the overall Colorado Defense Industry Adjustment program is to provide immediate and sustained assistance to Colorado firms and employees negatively impacted by reduced DoD procurement (primarily impacting the aerospace sector as well as Colorado’s advanced industries manufacturing base).

Project History

Event	Year
The Colorado Blueprint	2011 - present
Selection to National Governors Association Policy Academy on “Making” our Future: Encouraging Growth Opportunities in Manufacturing through Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Investment.	2011
Identification of the Advanced Industry Clusters	2012
Formation of the Advanced Industries Working Group	2012 - 2013
Conducting the Initial “First” Level Economic Supply Chain Analysis	2014
Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Grant resulting in collaboration with OEA	2014
SMART Colorado – State RFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July - OEA grant approved • August – Request for Proposals to manage OEA grant • September – Review and award to CAMA-led team 	2014
Implement SMART Colorado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMART Project renamed FourFront 	2014 – 2016 July 2015

FourFront Goals include:

- Strengthen the environment for innovation & commercialization.
- Develop high-growth Advanced Industry companies by providing training and tools necessary for Colorado manufacturers to adopt and utilize emerging technologies.
- Improve business-to-business connectivity using new web-based supply chain management platform and tools.
- Better connect workforce development activities with industry need.
- Provide a place for businesses to increase manufacturing productivity by giving small and medium sized manufacturers the resources they need to lower costs and increase output.

The Statement of Work consists of nine projects.

Project:	Due Date	Budget
1. Colorado Advanced Industries Supply Chain Initiative	9/30/2015	\$900,000
2. SMART Colorado Executive Team & Strategic Operational Plan	12/31/2014	\$45,000
3. Colorado Digital Manufacturing Commons Planning	12/31/2014	\$27,000
4. Regional SMART Center Team Development	6/30/2015	\$27,000
5. Regional Defense Diversification and SMART Center Planning Process	9/30/2015	\$180,000
6. Supply Chain Direct Assistance Proposal	3/31/2016	\$270,000
7. Startup Work and Development of Colorado SMART Centers	7/31/2016	\$3,835,000
8. Innovation Assistance Proposal	7/31/2016	\$180,000
9. Workforce Development	12/31/2015	\$1,080,000

Please see the individual project sheets for an understanding of the goals, progress and next steps of each project.